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§26–504.

- (a) A board of viewers:
  - (1) shall determine the amount sufficient to pay:
    - (i) the cost of constructing or improving a proposed drainage project;
    - (ii) any damages awarded;
    - (iii) any compensation for an existing drainage project that the board of viewers adopts in accordance with § 26–505 of this subtitle;
    - (iv) the expenses of the board of viewers; and
    - (v) the costs of establishing the drainage association;
  - (2) shall subtract from the amount determined under item (1) of this subsection any amounts received from the county commissioners or county council or any other source; and
  - (3) shall assess each landowner, including the State or a political subdivision of the State, that will derive a benefit from the proposed drainage project a proportion of the amount described in item (2) of this subsection, based on the benefits that would accrue to the tract of land from the drainage project.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the county commissioners or county council may:
  - (1) contribute toward the costs of a drainage project authorized under this title from general funds of the county; or
  - (2) allocate toward the costs of any drainage project any other money that is available for the drainage project.

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